

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 11 are pending in the present application, claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Parker et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,712,481).

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of claim 9 would be allowable if written in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 7 to incorporate the recitation of claims 8 and 9 and has accordingly cancelled claims 8 and 9. This amendment renders the rejection of claims 7, 8, and 10 moot. Withdraw thereof is respectfully requested.

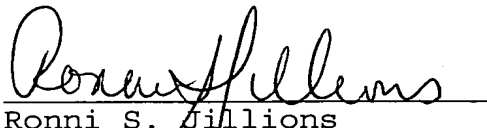
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to
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